(c) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India is dealing the sanctioning of loan to the West Bengal Power Development Corporation for the construction of the thermal power plant at Kolaghat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMNT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAI CHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Disconnection of telephones

2106. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones disconnected during the last financial year, state-wise, with the reasons for disconnection; and

(b) what is the number of telephones restored and the time taken for the restoration of telephones in differnt states, during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Telephones are generally disconnected for non-payment of telephone bills and also at the request of subscribers either or safe-custody or final closure of the telephones. The number of telephones disconnected for non-payment during the year 1984-85, state-wise as readily available is furnished in the statement (*see below*).

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of telephones disconnected during 84-85
1	Andhra Pradesh	28,962
2	Bihar	25,914
3	Gujarat	41,579
4	Kerala	16,277
5	Karnataka	30,513
6	J & K	11,055
7	Madhya Pradesh	15,404
8	Maharashtra (including Goa)	96,711
9	North Eastern States	7,042
10	North Western States (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh)	39,949
11	Orissa	6,488
12	Rajasthan	21,307
13	Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry)	32,910
14	Uttar Pradesh	72,274
15	West Bengal	83,683
16	Delhi	94,889
		6,24,957

The disconnection should be viewed in the context of more than 166 Lakh bills issued during the year. This works out to about 3.75 per cent of the bills issued.

Telephones are restored as soon as the outstanding due are clearel by subscribers. This naturally would depend upon the time taken by the subscriber to clear the dues and therefore, would very from case to case. Collection of detailed information in respect of over 6 lakh telephones from the Units spread out throughout the country is not practicable and the efforts involved may not be commensurate with the end expected to be achieved. However, it may be added that most of the telephones are got restored by the subscriber by clearing the restored the number of telephones permanently closed for non-payment of dues is insignificant.

S.T.D. connction with Dibrugarh

2107. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities in the country can get Dibrugarh over the S.T.D. system and what are the names of such cities and the relevant pulse rate city-wise;

(b) to how many stations S.T.D. facility from Dibrugarh is available and what are the names of such stations with the relevant pulse rate; and

(c) whether Government have already sanctioned further expansion of the Dibrugarh Electronic exchange and if so, by howmany lines and by when the said expansion is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA):

(a) Cities in the country which can get Dibrugarh over STD system are listed in statement-I (*See below*). Pulse rates are determined on the basis of radial distance between two places. Details regarding this are also furnished in Annex.I

(b) STD facility from Dibrugarh is available to stations as listed in Statement II (*See below*) Pulse rates are determined as per details furnished in Annex I.

(c) No proposal at present, Sir.

Statement I

List of Stations on N.S.D Network

1. Jammu
2. Udhampur
3. Srinagar
4. Ambala
5. Jalandhar
6. Chandigarh
7. Amritsar
8. Simla
9. Ludhiana
10. Patiala
11. Abohar
12. Bahtinda
13. Karnal
14. Ferozpur
15. Panipat
16. Rajpura
17. Yamunanagar
18. Sangroor
19. Sirsa
20. Delhi
21. Agra
22. Ghaziabad
23. Faridabad
24. Muzaffarnagar
25. Kosikalan
26. Meerut
27. Gurgaon
28. Gwalior
29. Rohtak
30 Bhiwani
31. Kanpur
32. Lucknow
33. Varanasi
34. Allahabad
35. Rae Bareli
36. Unnao
37. Gorakhpur
38. Mirzapur
39. Faizabad
40. Bareilly
41. Shahjahanpur
42. Moradabad
43. Rampur
44. Pilibhit